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SUBJECT: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ON CREATION OF UN
POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

1. SUMMARY. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER DE
GUIRINGAUD EVENING MAY 18, HE RAISED WITH CHARGE HIS
SERIOUS CONCERN AT PROPOSED CREATION OF POST OF UN
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. GUIRIN-
GAUD ASKED SEVERAL TIMES THAT THIS BE BROUGHT TO PERSO-
NAL ATTENTION OF SECRETARY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER
BELIEVES THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A POSITION, WHICH
WOULD MOST LIKELY BE FILLED BY A THIRD WORLD REPRES-
ENTATIVE, WOULD VITIATE THE ECONOMIC USEFULNESS OF UN
ENTITIES. HE ASKED THAT US JOIN WITH EC DELS TO
BLOCK THIS AND SAID THAT WALDHEIM WOULD QUIETLY SUP-
PORT SUCH AN EFFORT. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING ANOTHER SUBJECT, GUIRINGAUD RAISED
THE IDEA OF THIS NEW UN POSITION, STATING THAT THE WEST
HAD ALREADY REJECTED AN EXPERTS REPORT WHICH RECOMMEN-
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DED THAT ALL UN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BE PUT UNDER A DEPU-
TY SECRETARY GENERAL. GUIRINGAUD SAID SUCH A POST WOULD
INEVITABLY BE OBTAINED BY A THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVE,
WHO WOULD INEVITABLY BE AN EXTREMIST IN RHETORIC AND
POLICY. THIS WOULD MEAN THE DISTORTION OF UN ECONO-
MIC STATISTICS FOR POLITICAL REASONS. SUCH STATISTICS
WOULD THEN LOSE ALL CREDIBILITY. IN ADDITION, THE

POWER OF SUCH AN "ECONOMIC CZAR" WOULD "DRAIN THE SUBSTANCE" FROM OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES WHICH DEAL WITH ECONOMIC MATTERS, SINCE OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF ITS BUDGET WENT TO ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUED THAT THIS NEW POST COULD NOT BE CONCEIVED OF WITHOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN HEADED BY A FRENCHMAN. HE ASKED THAT THE SECRETARY BE INFORMED HE IS READY TO PROPOSE ANOTHER EVEN BETTER QUALIFIED FRENCHMAN TO REPLACE THE INCUMBENT. GUIRINGAUD SAID THE GOF HAS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE US DELEGATION TO THE UN WILL SUPPORT CREATION OF THE NEW POST. THIS RAISES A JURIDICAL QUESTION IN THAT ARTICLE 99 OF THE CHARTER WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED.

4. IN ADDITION, FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL'S POST FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THERE WILL BE DEMANDS FOR CREATION OF AN ANALOGOUS POSITION FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS BY THE SOVIETS AND THEIR FRIENDS. THIS WILL LEAD TO A "TROIKA" SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS AND VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY THE WEST.

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5. GUIRINGAUD ASKED THAT THE "PERSONAL IMPORTANCE"

HE ATTACHES TO THIS QUESTION BE DRAWN TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUED THAT WALDHEIM SHARES HIS VIEW AND WOULD CONFIDENTIALLY SUPPORT OPPOSITION TO THE NEW POST. HE URGED THAT WE PRIVATELY VERIFY WALDHEIM'S POSITION.

6. GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT ON MAY 17 SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOUR (NOW IN PARIS) HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE HIMSELF IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE NEW POST. GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT HE TOLD MANSOUR FRANCE COULD NOT SUPPORT CREATION OF THIS POST.

7. GUIRINGAUD ASKED THAT THE US DEL CONTACT OTHER EC DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK AND PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH DEL SO AS TO JOIN FORCES TO BLOCK CREATION OF THE POST. HE REITERATED THAT WALDHEIM WILL QUIETLY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.

8. CHARGE NOTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD ALREADY RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH THE DEPARTMENT. GUIRINGAUD RESPONDED THAT WAS PRIOR TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FRENCH HAVING LEARNED IN NEW YORK THAT THE US DEL WOULD SUPPORT THE NEW POST. HE EMPHASIZED HIS REQUEST THAT THE ISSUE BE BROUGHT TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY IN HIS BEHALF, ASKING ALSO THAT HIS BEST WISHES AND PERSONAL REGARDS BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT LATER THIS MONTH.
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